

**REMARKS**

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claim 8, and the indication that claim 3 contains allowable subject matter. Claims 1-11 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 7, 10, and 11 have been canceled. Claim 3 has been placed into independent form, where the subject matter of canceled claim 1 has been incorporated therein. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

By the foregoing amendments, claim 3 has been placed into independent form, where the subject matter of claim 1 has been incorporated into claim 3. Since this claim was indicated to contain allowable subject matter, as noted previously, Applicants submit that all claims of record in this application are now allowable.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should be in condition for allowance. Early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. However, if there are any questions regarding this Response, or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this would expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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